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SEVENTH TENNESSEE CAV-MRY IN BATTLE AND RAID.

ers Were Comparatively Ama-When Ferrest Adopted Them Into a Band, but They Soon Outrivaled His & Soldiers at Their Own Game.

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inaugurated at a late stage in the war. It was near the close of 1863 when Gen. Forrest was created major general and placed army of mounted men. Up to that date there had been numberless wild raids and some important

harges, but the thundering hoofs and whirlwind rush of leades were almost unknown. act upon promotion was to e troopers assigned to his leadnto a cavalry corps. One brigade on to his brother, Col. Jeffrey Forregiment in that brigade was essee cavalry, a body of in Forrest's camps except ciments of Confederate

Seventh had grown up out of anies of mounted rangers arms in 1851 to guard some These separate companies d forces in order to swell their stil it suited them to unite and ments. Logwood's battalion, four companies from Memphis y, was the nucleus of the regi inter of 1861-2 Col. W. H.

with Logwood's men to form lennessee cavalry. The first f the regiment was Union e Kentucky border. The Dalon armies southward in son campuign made the o for troopers in grav, and they yowing to call back one day, te the promise good.

an a year more was passed in skirmishing and raiding on a gve the men plenty of excitehat never a taste of real war. This the regiment that charged on the railthe Memphis and Charleston ville, Tenn., where Gen. Sherand his staff were riding to Chatta-

was a special train filling the gap beby a battalion of regulars. ies waited for the train to the station, then called a halt ed surrender. Gen. Sherman pered "No." and ordered the train of brick and was loopholed, and 200 diamay was a fort. The regulars, with ers guarding the place, took sand in the station and fort, and in a reilroad cut near by. The Con-rate leader, Gen. Chalmers, with great ention formed his men for a clean The Seventh was placed abreast and fort, and at the sound of asked gallantly up, seizing the sie train. The supporting columns failed to do anything, and the guards on ralifed to concentrate their estantly Chalmers ordered the regiment to again charge the train at all hazards and burn it. The attempt perate than the first, for the The leader, Capt. J. T. laster, was hit four times and made pris The rear cars in the train were eneral horses, including Sher are Dolly, his sword and der hade anners property, carried off.
It was too one sided, however, and the
Tensessers sgain backed off covered

t exploit when he got his an extensive and of Union It was in February, 1864. , were led by Gen. Scop set to work to harms * pathway of the enemy ly, heeplagen a a autush y Smith want to re-Forcest turned in pursuit. ed while leading a charge. the Union troops met to a hill near Okolona.

ited soldier than Forrest s slow to charge the line out bringing up help or but he had just come from lying brother, who was an and seemed bent on took the Seventh regiment g its colonel off to replace rigade leader, and dismounted c work. As it advanced the ry trotted down the hillside,



DEMANDED SURRENDER.

ent on a charge. The Tennesseeans dy dropped into a depression and alopponents to ride close up to heir line. It took but a couple of volleys tapty scores of saddles and send the back up the hill.

instant the tide turned Gen. Forat shouted the command, "Charge them," and the regiment arose with a reliant dashed after the fleeing cavalry, but stopping until the line was broken to a topping until the line was prosented a battery captured and turned upon its friends. The enemy was completely mated, and the Seventh kept up the chase for hours, outstripping the rest of Format's command. That night Forrest intropacked with the regiment and praised re named

committed Local had a sec prest made nour

Children in the City lay in the po , and Col. Duckwars of the Sevensia, w. . a colered to attack it with his own regiment and a couple of ing in the west was others in support. Cal Dueba orth hel the Seventh, and coming to close quarters ander cover of during saw by the input of a burning house that the place is surrounded with rifle pits and simils and strengthened by a bruse red oth. If wing put his neck into a trap, so to speck, he was in a tight place. Forrest's orders were imperative, and his plans elsewhere called for the fall of Union City.

Col, Duckworth and List men knew the ground theroughly, having camped there in 1861, so it was decided to minot a russ of war to even up the odds somewhat. They hadn't a single cannon along, but they rigged up a substitute out of a log and a section of wagon gear, which, if it wouldn't go off, would scare equal to the best, and that was all that was needed. The tro-p ers dismounted and marched in front of the works, sending the horses with bolders to the rear. At the proper time the horse holders sounded the bugle and led the horses back again to the line on a thundering gallop to simulate cavalry re-enforcements. Then Col. Duckworth rode up to the fort and demanded surrender in the name of Gen. Forrest.

The Union commander, who was a colonel, answered the demand by asking to meet Gen. Forrest at the flag of truce to arrange terms. Col. Duckworth promptly signed Forrest's name, with full rank, to a note stating that a major general was not expected to parley with an enemy of in-ferior rank, and that Col. Duckworth, of the Seventh Tennessee cavalry, would ar range the details. It so happened that the garrison was composed of the Seventh Tennessee Union cavalry, and whether the Union colonel, in a fit of enthusiasm over the unique meeting, determined to let the rivals indulge in a handshake, or whether nervousness over that Quaker gun, which the telegraph operator in town magnified into two cannon, cliuched the raider's argument, has never been explained, but at any rate the perturbed commandant promptly holsted the white flag. Thus after an absence of two years the old ran-

gers again owned the town of Union City. It was while taking the back track from this raid that Forrest stormed Fort Pillow, but the Seventh had no share in that in glorious exploit. Then the whole corps galloped once more to central Mississippi to meet the Union raiding expedition under Gen. Sturgis. A finishing fight took place at Brice's Crossroads, June 10.



PRIVATE SOLDIERS OF THE SEVENTH.

A month later another Union column tried the experiment and met Forrest at Tupelo. After some minor fights the Union troops picked their ground and awaited buile. Forcest dismounted his men and led them recklessly toward the breastworks across open ground swept with canister and musketry fire. The slaughter was enormous, but the persistent fighter put in his last reserves, which in cloded the Seventa. The heat was intense tidelay the column until and the soldiers were suffering with fa-nerity offers to smite it, tigue and thirst, but they struggled on left. Forcest placed bis yards of the batteries. Nearly half of them were shot down, and the heat prostrated those spared by the bullets so that the line melted from view and Forrest's last

Although victorious at Tupelo the Union column marched home to Memphis, and Forrest once more set out to carry the war Into Africa by stirring things up in west Tennessee. In the raids that followed the Seventh picked up to fighting strength again—Tupe's had about finished it and a captain was in command, which for those days was about 200. In one of these expe ditions an inc dent occurred which showed that the Tennesseeans were not unwilling conscripts, but wore the gray from choice. Forrest was caught north of the Tennessee river with but 2,000 men to cope with 12,000. He hastened to the river near Pulaski and began to ferry his troops and guns across on two old barges

Finally all had crossed but the rear guard, which was the Seventh Tennessee. he banks above and below and the coun try behind were alive with enemies, and the rear guard had no one to cover its crossing. Word was passed along for each man to go it on his own hook—the strong swim-mers to take to the water and those not up in the stroke to lie low and sneak off through the Union lines to the open country. As if by magic the rear guard vanished, and the enemy dashed to the river brink, only to see heels and dust where they looked for Forrest's cavalry. The adventures of the rear guard while getting away were thrilling, but eventually every

man turned up at the rendezvous. The regiment clung to Forrest to the end, brigaded with his own old regiment. It was in the famous raid on the gunboats at Johnsonville, at the front in Hood's dashing forayon Nashville, and rear guard on his retreat. It fought Wilson's column on the great cavalry roundup through Alabama in the spring of 1805 and kept the field a month after Appomattox. The night before the surrender the veterans gathered for the last time around their historic flag, and in taking leave of it each man clipped off a shred. In the morning the victors received only a bare staff for a trophy, every vestige of the wedding satin having disappeared under the jackets of the men whose blood had laved the con-secrated banner in many a charge and whose valor had saved it on many a daring GEORGE L. KILMER.

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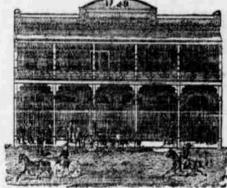
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